

**From:** James Desmond <desmond@ecohealthalliance.org>  
**To:** Brian Bird <bhbird@ucdavis.edu>  
**CC:** Jon Epstein <epstein@ecohealthalliance.org>; Jonna Mazet <jkmazet@ucdavis.edu>; Tracey Goldstein <tgoldstein@ucdavis.edu>; Anthony, Simon J. <sja2127@cumc.columbia.edu>  
**Sent:** 3/11/2017 2:12:09 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Rodent Collection and Permissions

Hi Brian,

I know John - he's a good guy. I'll give him a call to discuss the the permission process. I agree - it would be good to help them out.

Cheers,

Jim

**James S. Desmond, DVM, MS**  
**Email:** [desmond@ecohealthalliance.org](mailto:desmond@ecohealthalliance.org)  
**Phone:** [REDACTED] (Liberia)  
**Phone:** +17183001451 (USA)  
**Skype:** jim.desmond

On Mar 10, 2017, at 5:44 PM, Brian Bird <bhbird@ucdavis.edu> wrote:

Hi Jim,

I got an email from John Saindon (CDC Lab coordinator in West Africa we all had lunch at the Royal hotel) on my CDC account inquiring about permissions to sample rodents in Liberia. The folks we met at Phebe hospital (NAMRU/NMRC; Andrew Letizia etc) are wanting to get their rodent sampling up and running for Lassa surveillance. John reached out and asked if we could give him a lay of the land on how to obtain the appropriate wildlife permits etc.

I think this would be a great way to help out some colleagues and share our local knowledge.

-brian

**From:** Saindon, John M. (CDC/CGH/DGHP)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 01, 2017 1:32 AM  
**To:** James Desmond [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Michael R CTR USARMY MEDCOM USAMRIID (US) Wiley <[michael.r.wiley19.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:michael.r.wiley19.ctr@mail.mil)>; LetiziaAG@state.gov; Bird, Brian (CDC/OID/NCEZID) (CTR) <[che3@cdc.gov](mailto:che3@cdc.gov)>  
**Subject:** Rodent Collection and Permissions

Hi Jim-

I hope your week is off to a great start!

Question, we are working in collaboration with USAMRIID to enhance Lassa diagnostics capabilities in Liberia and one of the pending questions is what permissions are required to collect rodents and test them? Does this already fall under your purview regarding One Health and Predict? Any insight and suggestions would be warmly welcomed!

Thank you.

**John M. Saindon, MT, DrHSc**

Liberia Laboratory Advisor

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

[jsaindon@cdc.gov](mailto:jsaindon@cdc.gov)

Liberia [REDACTED]

USA +1.404.919.6488